

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, and 21-28 remain in this application. A request for one month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests re-examination.

Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-14 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lippmann et al.* (U.S. 5,695,269) in view of *Kramer* (U.S. 3,789,211) and *Abileah* (6,111,622), Applicant respectfully traverses.

Lippmann is directed to an LCD display for automobiles which contemplates a display that is reconfigurable and utilizes multiple colors all in broad daylight. *Kramer* is directed to a string of Christmas tree lights, each light utilizing a red, blue and green source. *Kramer* contemplates turning these different colored sources on sequentially. *Abileah* is directed to a back-lit liquid crystal display device which is designed to be operable with NVIS-B night-vision goggles. *Abileah* discloses the prior art of the type discussed in the prior art section of this application, over which the present invention is an improvement.

None of the references of record show, teach or even contemplate a backlight system for a liquid crystal display that is useable with both, NVIS-A and NVIS-B night-vision goggles, simply by flipping a switch. None of the prior art of the record contemplates "a switch for selectively powering different groups of like colored light emitting diodes in the array or powering all the lighting emitting diodes in the array.

Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lippmann* in view of *Abileah*. Applicant respectfully traverses. Neither *Lippmann* nor *Abileah*, nor any reference of record even contemplates "selectively switching on different groups of like colored light emitting diodes in the array, or switching on all the light emitting diodes in the

array so that the pilot of the aircraft may use NVIS-A or NVIS-B night vision goggles."

Applicant respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant believes that all the claims remaining in the application, including the newly added depending claims, 21-27, and independent claim 28, are patentable over the prior art of record, and respectfully requests that all the claims be allowed and this case passed to issue.

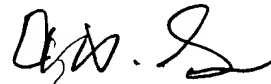
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